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Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that construction work on I-80 east of Colona has started. McCarthy Improvement Company is working on making pavement repairs to the section of I-80 from the I-88 interchange to US 6.

This will be the third year of the \$24 million contract to replace six bridges and make pavement repairs. During 2016 the northbound bridges for I-80 westbound were replaced. During the 2017 construction season, the contractor will be replacing the southbound bridges and pavement.

Traffic will be restricted to one lane in each direction. On Monday, March 13th, the contractor will begin placing the concrete barrier that will separate the two way traffic on the northbound lanes. On Monday, March 20th, I-80 eastbound traffic will be switched to the northbound lane so the removal of the southbound bridges can begin.

Also on Monday, March 20th, the entrance ramp from Cleveland Road to eastbound I-80 will be closed. Traffic can either use IL 84 and US 6 to I-80 EB or follow the detour on I-80.

All bridges are scheduled to be completed and all lanes open by November.

Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.

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